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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *29 December 2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,3,4,6-11,13,16,20-23,25,26 and 28* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☒ Claim(s) *1,3,4,6-11,13,16,20-23 and 25* is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *26 and 28* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. Examiner acknowledges the request for continued examination (RCE) filed on December 29, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

> Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter as follows. Claims 26 and 28 define a signal embodied in a carrier wave with descriptive material as defined in the specification on pages 10 and 11. While "functional descriptive material" may be claimed as a statutory product (i.e., a "manufacture") when embodied on a tangible computer readable medium, a carrier wave (i.e., signal) embodying that same functional descriptive material is neither a process nor a product (i.e., a tangible "thing") and therefore does not fall within one of the four statutory classes of §101. Rather, "signal" is a form of energy, in the absence of any physical structure or tangible material.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 16, 20-23, and 25 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 3, 11, 13, 16, 20-23, and 25, claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 23 disclose a method and corresponding apparatus for writing servo information on a disc in a disc drive,

comprising centering on a cylinder of the disc having skew '0', sequentially writing servo information toward the cylinder having skew '0' in a first radial direction of the disc, and sequentially writing the servo information toward .the cylinder having skew '0' in a second radial direction of the disc, opposite the first direction; after the writing the servo information is completed, inspecting the servo information written in a cylinder at a predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', and determining whether the servo information is correctly written, wherein if errors do not occur in the cylinder at the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', track-defect-processing all tracks within the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', such that a normal search operation cannot be performed, and if errors occur in the cylinder at the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', determining that all of the servo information is not correctly written, and writing the servo information for the entire disc again, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

Regarding claims 4 and 6, claim 4 discloses a method for writing servo information on a disc in a disc drive comprising sequentially writing information from a cylinder of the disc having a least number to a cylinder having skew '0', after writing the servo information to the cylinder having skew '0', moving a head to a cylinder having the largest number, sequentially writing the servo information from the cylinder having a largest number to a cylinder prior to the cylinder having skew '0', after writing all the servo information, inspecting the servo information written in a cylinder at a predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', and determining whether the servo information is correctly written, wherein if errors do not occur in the cylinder at the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', track-defect-

processing all tracks within the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', such that a normal search operation cannot be performed, and if errors occur in the cylinder at the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', determining that all of the servo information is not correctly written, and writing the servo information for the entire disc again, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

Regarding claims 7-10, claim 7 discloses a method for writing and inspecting servo information on a disc in a disc drive comprising, writing servo information on a cylinder of the disc, inspecting the servo information written in the cylinder, wherein if an error occurs in the cylinder, determining whether the number of the cylinder in which the error occurs corresponds to a cylinder at a predetermined distance from a cylinder having skew '0'; if the number of the cylinder in which the error occurs corresponds to the cylinder at the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0', determining that all of the servo information is not correctly written and writing the servo information for the entire disc .again, and if not, track-defect-processing the cylinder in which the error occurs; and if all cylinders have been inspected, track-defect-processing all tracks within the predetermined distance from the cylinder having skew '0' such that normal search operation cannot be performed, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-15, filed December 29, 2006, with respect to rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 16, 20-23, 25, 26, and 28 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of said claims have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniell L. Negrón whose telephone number is 571-272-7559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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